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La Crosse, Wisconsin October 9, 2003 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,

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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Notice of Noncompliant Amendment mailed on April 3, 2003, and is submitted after applicant's Petition to Revive this application was granted by Paper No. 11 mailed on September 12, 2003 by the Office of Petitions.

Remarks

The Notice of Noncompliant Amendment indicated that clean and marked up copies of the replacement paragraphs were required in applicant's previously submitted amendment. However, applicant's amendment as submitted did include both clean and highlighted copies of

the proposed amendments. Applicant encloses a copy of the Amendment as filed so that the Examiner can confirm that the clean and marked up versions of the paragraphs were submitted in the original reply. A copy of applicant's postcard is attached confirming that the Patent Office received the Amendment on February 20, 2003. The Examiner is requested to review this Amendment, confirm that the Notice of the Noncompliant Amendment was incorrect in its requirement, and allow the application to proceed to allowance.

The foregoing is believed to resolve the issues relative to the Notice of Noncompliant Amendment. However, if applicant has failed to address an issue, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's representative at the number below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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